

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet for Fig. 1. In this amended drawing, labeling were added to illustrate the prime mover and gear box elements.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 and 13 are pending, with claims 1 and 11 being the independent claims. All pending claims have been amended. Claim 12 has been canceled, without prejudice.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because elements including a prime mover and a gearbox which are recited in the pending claims were not shown. The drawings have been corrected to illustrate these elements. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The invention relates to a torque transmission system configured in a compact manner . The transmission system is configured to have its input and output shafts extend laterally from the longitudinal axis of a motor vehicle in the same direction. Accordingly, a prime mover and a gearbox are also located next to one another on the same side relative to the longitudinal axis.

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nagano.

Independent Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite "the input and at least one output shafts extending laterally from longitudinal axis in a same lateral direction so that the prime mover and the gearbox located next to one another."

Nagano shows input and output shafts extending in opposite lateral directions relative to a longitudinal axis. Accordingly, Nagano does not have all of the recited elements and is not anticipatory of claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 depend from claim 1 and are not anticipated by Nagano either.

Withdrawal of the §102 rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 8 11 and 13 is respectfully requested.


Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hata.

Hata, like Nagano, does not have input and output shafts extending in the same lateral direction, as recited in amended claims 1 and 11. As a consequence, Hata does not anticipate amended claims 1 and 11 along with claims depending from these independent claims. Withdrawal of the §102 rejection of claims 1-11 and 13 is respectfully requested.

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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